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Mr. Poplam, editor of the Richmond Intelligence, who is now so enamored of General Mahone's scheme for running a State next November, that he seems to be completely carried away by it and has undergone a great change, apparently, respecting the General since the 23d of last December, when he informed our Washington correspondent that "General Mahone was for himself first, his friends next, and after that circumstances would dictate his course; that so far as his national politics are concerned he would wait developments; that he has expressed himself as preferring Grant to Sherman, Grant to Tilden, and that some time ago he even said he preferred him to Bayard." Gen. Mahone, the Richmond Whig, Mr. Poplam and "eleven or eight" others, four of whom reside in this city, are about all, so far as we have been able to ascertain, who are willing to confer upon General Mahone the authority to sell the presidential vote of Virginia on the most advantageous terms, for himself, that he can obtain from the buyers of such a commodity.

Mr. Nelson, the member of the Virginia House of Delegates from Clarke county, says that "a feeling crops out even now that the interests of the lower valley and Eastern Virginia are not sufficiently homogeneous as to render it desirable they should remain under the same government." There can be no doubt of the fact: that since the reorganization of the State government is expedient not only by the people of the lower valley, but by those of every other portion of the State; but we are loth to believe that any lighter affliction than that resulting from readjusters' rule would induce the people of any country to transfer their allegiance to another State. To say that a man was a Virginian was to add credit to his name in former times, and though all that has gone now, still the hallowed associations connected with the name are sufficient to prevent those capable of appreciating the honor that once attached to it, from relinquishing it willingly, even though it has fallen from its proud estate.

The Committee on Constitutional Amendments of the Legislature is considering the expediency of making the terms of the county courts quarterly instead of monthly. We hope they may report that the proposed change is expedient. There is every conceivable reason why the change should be made, and not a single valid and substantial one why it should not. The frequency with which courts are held in this city has long been considered, by those who have anything to do with them, an unmitigated nuisance. First, we have a monthly term of the Corporation Court, then a monthly term of the County Court, then the Circuit Court for the city, then the Circuit Court for the county, and what time is not consumed by those occupied by the United States District and Circuit Courts. Virginia is evidently a court ridden State, and when the readjusters get on the bench her condition in this respect will be deplorable.

Three members of the U. S. Senate presented petitions yesterday for making a colored educational institution in Ohio a beneficiary under the proposed bill for the distribution of the unclaimed colored bounty land. It turns out that after all the talk about the distribution of this fund and the consequent expectations that have been created in the minds of those who would have been its beneficiaries, the fund is a myth and that there is nothing to distribute. A few years ago there was a large credit to this fund, but it has almost entirely disappeared. There have been heavy party demands upon the Treasury during the past three years, which, as the inevitable course of the radicals has been to pluck the poor negroes whenever they had a sum due colored soldiers as bounty money, but which had never been claimed.

The Committee on Agriculture of the United States House of Representatives has agreed to report in favor of a bill raising the Agricultural Bureau to the dignity, importance and expense of a department, whose executive officer shall be a member of the President's Cabinet. As a large majority of the members of the House are from the rural districts and avail themselves of garden seats, purchased at the public expense, as the means of keeping their constituents aware of their existence, we suppose this bill will pass that body, but, weak as the Senate is, we cannot believe it will sanction any such measure. Why there should be a Department of agriculture any more than a Department of commerce, or of manufactures, or mining, or banking, or any other of the occupations in which large numbers of people are engaged, may be plain to Congressmen from the regions of green pastures and smooth waters, but all others must see it as through a glass—darkly.

A proposition is before the Legislature for holding a State convention to revise the Constitution. Of course it is favored by those who are debilitated from spending but one winter in Richmond, by reason of the biennial sessions of the Legislature, but hope to spend the other one there as members of the proposed convention. The Legislature is in a slight for including in any such luxury as a State convention. Let the money that will be saved by restricting the Legislature to one session in two years go toward liquidating some of the State's just debt, and not be spent as per diem to members of a convention, many of whom would doubtless be individuals who now occupy readjusters' seats in the General Assembly.

Mr. Lovestein has introduced a bill in the Virginia House of Delegates prohibiting compulsory pilotage. It should be passed. Compulsory pilotage, like compulsory inspection of flour and tobacco, belongs to a past, not to the present age. The master of a vessel is more interested in her safety than any body else, and is consequently going to take all necessary precautions to secure that safety, and should not be compelled to pay for a pilot when he doesn't want one. No restrictions should be allowed on any sort of legitimate commerce or trade.

Mr. Parrell knows well enough how much the South wants immigration, and how immigrants thrive here, but for all that he says he hopes the Irish emigrants who seek relief in this country will go to the West. Mr. Parrell also says that the New York Herald is an enemy to Ireland, but the Herald proves his assertion worthless by giving one hundred thousand dollars to the relief of the starving people of that country.

Probably the most palatable bill passed by the U. S. House of Representatives, this session, is the one prohibiting any person from serving as a petit juror in any U. S. court more than three weeks during any one year. Now let the Legislature of Virginia pass a similar bill, and the obnoxious and corrupt system of professional jurors will be broken up in this State.

Notwithstanding the mean instincts of the average voter, we can not believe that radical hate, under the lead of the corrupt Grant ring with the raps of the presidency so recently accomplished, and that of the electoral vote of New York in the near perspective, and with an object and high purpose to live as an avowed object, will succeed in the next presidential contest.

As the case now stands, physicians' bills are about the last paid out of the assets of a decedent, but a bill has just been introduced in the Virginia Legislature to make them the first after the payment of funeral expenses. Should it pass the doctors in the State will taste the delights incident to the change from last to first.

The Farmville Mercury says: "Messrs. T. Davis and D. M. Dunkum spent a few days last week in Nottingham county, on a grand hunt to finish up this season's shooting, and it must be owned they did finish it with a vengeance, as, during three days' shooting—one of which was wet—they succeeded in bagging upwards of 10 birds."

The laws of this State prohibit the shooting of partridges after the first of January. Mr. Commonwealth's Attorney of Nottingham, do your duty—that is, if Nottingham be not one of the ex-communicated counties.

FROM WASHINGTON.
Special Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette, WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 6, 1880.
The republican triumph of the District of Columbia met at Calverton Hall here this morning at 10 o'clock, but there are so many conflicting delegates that the committee on credentials will not be able to report probably before 3 o'clock this afternoon. The prevailing impression is that the two delegates to the Chicago convention will be C. L. Bob Ingersoll, who, as Wendell Phillips says, has more jaw than brain, and S. J. Bowen, whom Grant treated so shabbily about his house. Of course this delegation will be for Grant, and for Blaine.

In the House this morning Mr. Conger made the bill for the relief of the political disabilities of John Owens, of Port-mouth, the occasion for a tirade upon the South, and the necessity of compelling ex-Confederates to subscribe themselves ex-rebels. Mr. Conger replied very fully, and to the effect that they were not forced to do so by the laws of the country, and that until they were they should not be punished for not doing so.

The Senate Committee on Education this morning agreed to report favorably upon Mr. Burnside's bill, with a few minor amendments, to establish an educational fund and apply a portion of the proceeds of the public lands to the complete education and support of national colleges for the advancement of recent Civil War veterans. This bill provides that the net proceeds of sales of public lands shall be set apart for the education of the people, but does not prohibit the entry of homesteads nor abridge the power of Congress to grant bounty lands; the money to be apportioned among the several States according to their population, between the ages of 5 and 20 years, provided that for the first ten years the said apportionment shall be made according to the States' respective population of ten years (11 and upwards) who can not read and write.

The bill for the appointment of P. P. Powell, now a non-commissioned officer in the army, to the position of 1st lieutenant, which has been reported up favorably by the House Committee on Military Affairs, will probably come up in the House next Tuesday. Mr. Powell's appointment is recommended by all the officers of his command, and would have been made long ago but for the fact that when a minor he fought in defense of his native State. He is a brother in law of Mr. J. R. Tucker, and once practiced law in Leesburg.

There was quite a stir in the Senate Committee on the Census, this morning, on the appointment of a man named Simmons as supervisor of census for the first district of Georgia, Senator Gordon, on one side vehemently opposing the confirmation, and Senator Hill, and Messrs. Stephens and Pelton, of the House, advocating it. Mr. Stephens was so harsh in his remarks, that but for his unfeigned condition, Mr. Gordon would have felt himself called upon to demand an explanation.

Mr. Buchanan, a lawyer of Indianapolis, was before the Modus Committee this morning. His testimony, like a great deal of that movement taken, was to the effect that the movement was instigated and is conducted as a party measure, and had an unpleasant appearance. Mr. Windol asked him if it was not possible to change that appearance. He replied, no, that the unpleasantness of some things never could be changed; for instance, a funeral never could be pleasant. Mr. Vance said that that depended altogether upon where funeral it was.

The House Committee on Commerce postponed action this morning on the interstate commerce bill until Tuesday, when, in the opinion of Mr. Rogers, chairman of that committee, his bill, with a few unimportant amendments, will be reported upon favorably.

Messrs. B. S. Swanson and A. Watson were before the House Committee on the District of Columbia, this morning, giving their views upon the question of the Washington harbor. The former wants the two channels consolidated and made to run by the present wharves of Washington.

Mr. Low Peyton, agent of the Midland Railroad Company in this city, who started for South Carolina for his health a week ago, but who had to stop at Lynchburg, is extremely ill in that city.

A negro named Frank Ferguson was sent on to the grand jury here yesterday morning for a murder on a boat, a week or two ago, upon Mr. Frank Libby, a well known lumber merchant in this city.

The action of the Pennsylvania republican convention Wednesday is not considered by the republicans here as affording any evidence of an increase in the Grant boom, as it is generally conceded that Pennsylvania is Grant's strongest State, and that even with the Chamberlain influence, and that in his favor, the Blaine men, with nothing to help them but the personal magnetism of their favorite, were not so very far behind. As time wears on it is becoming more and more evident that Sherman's chances are weaker than Grant's or Blaine's. In this connection I may mention that Maj. Sam. Vest, postmaster at Staunton and editor of the Valley Virginian, who is now in this city, says that entire and complete harmony and unity exist among the republicans of Virginia; that their State convention will be respectable as respects both numbers and brains, and that his idea, and the one that he believes will prevail, is that the delegates it will appoint will be uncontrolled, and will go to the national convention firmly convinced of the wisdom of selecting to the North in the matter of the defection of a candidate for the presidency.

Mr. Thompson, Sergeant-at-Arms of the House, thinks that Cincinnati will be the place selected for the national democratic convention. It was in that city that the last successful democratic presidential ticket was nominated. St. Louis is cut out because the railroad convention was held there, and Chicago because the republicans are to hold their there. Should it be held east of the mountains, he sees no reason why it should not be held in Washington, but with every reason why it should.

Senator Withers returned from Wytheville last night, and was present at the meeting of his committee this morning.

Thomas B. Robertson was today appointed postmaster at Broad Run Station, Fauquier county, vice Robert C. Stover resigned.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 6, 1880.
SENATE.
The Senate was not in session to day, having adjourned yesterday until Monday.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
The House after transacting some miscellaneous business proceeded to the consideration of Private bills.

The House narrowly escaped a political disability bill, but after Mr. Gooding, of Virginia, and Mr. Conger, of Michigan, had spoken briefly, Mr. P. Wood, of New York, objected to further debate, and the bill was passed.

Letter from Louisville.
LOUISVILLE, Feb. 3.—To-day is what is known in common parlance as a real souther. East winds blow strong and cold, and the gray clouds look black and drear. The few fine particles of snow flying in the breeze indicate that the old woman is endeavoring to pick her nose. That the ground will be covered with snow before to-morrow I am well nigh certain.

Rev. E. H. Pritchett, the pastor, preached in the Methodist Episcopal Church on Sabbath morning and evening. This church has recently been enhanced by the addition of new and handsome chandeliers, carpeting on the aisles, &c. The Baptist church has undergone similar improvements.

The election as judge of this county of Mr. James H. Woolfolk gives as much satisfaction as could be expected of a man who is not sufficiently qualified in the law. People express themselves as preferring him, since he is considered an honest man, to some of the aspirants for the judgeship. It is a great pity that Mr. Woolfolk is not as well qualified as regards the law as he is otherwise, for if he was nothing could be said against him.

Mr. Kiddieberger's proposed plan of readjusting the State debt does not by any means meet the approval of those who hold the honor of the Commonwealth in esteem. Your recent editorial, delivered in Staunton, is my sentiments exactly.

Mr. George O. Bubaugh, one of our well known citizens, will, I learn, remove to Hinton, Va. Mr. Bubaugh has done much valuable work in the conservative cause in this county, and we are sorry to see his purpose to leave.

Our town shows very little spirit of enterprise. Our merchants, or at least very few of them, hang out their signs. No pavement leads to the Baptist Church, and in consequence thereof the fair damsels have to proceed along through the mud and mire, soiling their skirts and being themselves, of necessity, forced to leave their little footprints, not in the sands of time, however, but in the mud. Then the poor old house bell is imposed upon very much, having to serve for all the numerous societies, public meetings, &c. On tolls for funerals, it rings for marriages, it screams whenever a fire breaks out, in short, I wonder it has not rung its clapper out long ago. Bells should be placed on the different churches by all means.

On the ground floor saw his shadow the other day, I guess, as the sun was unobscured then. He had to beat his retreat on double quick time, however, in order to avoid the wintry blast, hard by, for ever since I commenced writing this letter, the old woman has broken up her goose, and the featherly flakes have whiteened her firm considerably.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Three suits for damages caused by accidents on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad were decided yesterday adversely to the company for amounts aggregating \$9,500.

An abstract from the report of the Secretary of War shows that the organized militia of the country numbered 126,000 men, and these available for military duty 6,500,000.

The Dallas county (Texas) court house was burned Wednesday, together with many valuable papers. The building cost \$100,000, and the loss is about half that amount.

Judge S. H. Huntington, formerly of the United States Court of Claims, the oldest member of the Hartford, Ct., bar, and a leading citizen there for many years, died Wednesday night.

Miss Julia Moulton, the daughter of Mr. C. W. Moulton, and the niece of Gen. Sherman, was married at noon yesterday to Lieutenant Rockwell, U. S. A., at Glendale, Cincinnati, the residence of the bride's father.

A Chinese wash house in San Francisco was burned yesterday. The building of eleven Chinese men were removed from the ruins. It is supposed they were stockpiled with opium, and that the fire caught from pipes which they were smoking.

Adolph E. Borie, ex-Secretary of the Navy, died in Philadelphia, yesterday, in the 71st year of his age. He had been in ill health for a long time, and his death is attributed by the physicians to a general breaking down of the system.

The Rev. J. N. Gallaher was yesterday consecrated Bishop of Louisiana at Trinity church, New Orleans. The ceremony was conducted by Bishops Wilmer, of Mississippi; Dudley, of Kentucky; Green, of Alabama; and Robertson, of Missouri.

There will probably be no public procession in New York in honor of St. Patrick's birthday this year. No official action has been taken by any of the societies, and the feeling is pretty generally in favor of applying the usual funds devoted to a public celebration to the relief of the suffering poor in Ireland.

A special dispatch from Tokyo, Ky., says the officers of the Kansas Freedmen's Association have been instructed by the directors of the association to devise and put in operation some practical method of diversifying the constantly increasing immigration of colored people to Kansas. The Relief Association has found it impossible to maintain the hundreds of immigrants who have lately arrived.

VIRGINIA NEWS.
Last Tuesday the grist mill owned by Nimrod Kern, about a mile south of Winchester, was totally destroyed by fire.

Captain Edward L. Haynes, of the Pennsylvania, losing railroad material for the Pacific delinquent at Fredericksburg, fell dead on the track yesterday of heart disease. Capt. Haynes resided in Camden, N. J.

Col. John B. Parrell and Major S. S. S. of the first Virginia Volunteer Regiment, received a complimentary reception by the Town Council at Richmond, Col. A. A. Lee, and the reception committee, dress parade, and ball.

Master H. T. Gray has been arrested at Danville on the charge of embezzlement, made by United States Revenue Collector Perrell, and held to bail for his appearance at the next term of the United States District Court. He has given no reason for his recent absence.

The stockholders of the Shenandoah Valley Railroad held a meeting in Winchester on Wednesday last to rally in connection with the directors for the consideration of a plan from Shenandoah to Haystack, and to take steps to extend the line south and east.

Good Templars, &c.
[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

MIDDLEBURY, Vt., Feb. 5.—At a general meeting of the Order of the Good Templars, I. O. G. T., held at this place, at the private residence of (the lodge building being recently burned) of Mr. G. S. Thomas, on Friday night, the 30th ult., the following persons were elected to serve for the three months ensuing: W. C. T. J. W. Barry, W. V. T. Miss Jennie S. Thomas; W. S. J. W. Williams; W. E. S. J. T. Smith; W. T. J. W. Somerville; W. C. T. A. G. Mount; W. M. D. A. Brown; W. C. T. L. B. Thomas; W. O. G. J. E. H. Henshaw; R. L. S. Mrs. E. S. Hall; L. S. Mrs. A. S. Stewarts; D. M. Miss Lillie H. S. Mrs. A. S. C. T. Dr. J. S. Wharton, of course, was chosen P. W. C. T. H. S. Thomas having been previously elected. Holds for twelve months from date of election. Under the most disarming circumstances, and with a few determined men and women organized in this county of Good Templars at this time something like the month of last August, and with largely charter members, to fill the ranks, from this small number it has steadily grown, its way to the present time, and can now boast of between 35 or 40 honest, earnest and true men and women. The success of the Order in this neighborhood is due in no small measure to the exertions of the Rev. Mr. McGill and to the stirring W. C. T. Dr. J. S. Wharton, and W. V. T. Mrs. A. G. S. Mount, and L. D. G. S. Thomas and wife, and Mrs. W. M. S. G. S. W. S. and lastly, W. M. J. F. Henshaw. Also the indefatigable P. W. C. T. James Barry. The members are more than gratified to know they have every prospect, with a little outside aid, of being able to build a new lodge in a short time.

The snow storm of last night was welcomed by all our farmers as presaging a fine wheat crop, besides giving hopes of an ice harvest.

A prolific year for our farmers, and fair prices for their products, will go far to settle the "hash" of this now tangled, nodeless knot party to Virginia than any thing else that we know of.

GRANT AND BLAINE.—Many prominent republicans at the Capital agree that the results of the Harrisburg Convention do not augur well for Grant. Ardent third terms, however, predict that he will have a pledged majority in his favor before the Chicago Convention meets.

A correspondent of the Baltimore American at Harrisburg writes: One of the most competent observers of Pennsylvania political affairs, and one who has held the highest political positions in both houses of the legislature for several terms, declares that no one familiar with a State convention could fail to recognize the fact that the people who sent the present delegates were strongly opposed to a re-nomination of Grant, and they were in the main in favor of Senator Blaine. There is a general agreement that there was no real enthusiasm for Grant, even among those who voted with the Democrats. With a large number of these the idea which was uppermost was to win a victory for Don Cameron, as the man who was their political master and leader.

Cameron's own friends declare that he was far more concerned for himself than for Grant, and that, in fact, it became perfectly apparent that his efforts are directed toward securing dictation of the Republican party.

Senator Blaine's friends, strange to say, are almost all well pleased over the result as they appear. They pronounce it a barren victory. They declare that after all the boasts made by Cameron and the exhibition of all his power, strength and influence, to succeed by the slim majority of twenty votes is virtually equivalent to defeat.

Yesterday I had such a tall tale that I could not sleep. I used Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup and to-day I am as well as ever. It cost me only 25 cents.

The Queen's Speech in Reference to Ireland.

As announced in yesterday's Gazette the British Parliament was opened by the Queen in person, who in her speech thus refers to affairs in Ireland. "The serious deficiency in the usual crops in some parts of Ireland has rendered necessary special precautions on the part of my government to guard against the calamities which these districts are threatened. With this view they have called upon the authorities charged with the duty of administering relief to make ample preparations for the distribution of food and they should also take the employment of labor by advance on terms more liberal than those prescribed by the existing law. I feel assured that you will give your sanction to the course which will be adopted where it may have exceeded the power entrusted by Parliament to the executive of the government. A proposal will be submitted to you for providing the funds required for these extraordinary advances on the security of the property advanced by the church temporalities commensurate."

To the House of Commons Sir Stafford Northcote, Chancellor of the exchequer, gave notice that he would move the adoption of a bill sanctioning the measures of relief for Ireland already taken, and for further relief.

Mr. Alexander M. Sullivan, home mover for March, gave notice that he would move for leave to introduce a bill for the better protection of life and property in Ireland, by suspending the serving of writs of attachment for the non-payment of rent.

Mr. O'Donnell, home mover for Dangan, gave notice that he would move an amendment to the address in reply to the Queen's speech, calling attention to the systematic neglect of Irish affairs, and also to the malicious misrepresentation of the acts of Irish members of Parliament by the government and their agents.

Mr. Charles Newdegate, conservative member for Warwickshire, gave notice of his intention to offer resolutions providing for the suspension of members as a penalty for the obstruction of legislation.

Mr. Wm. Shaw, home mover from Cork, gave notice of an amendment to the address censuring the government for the failure to take efficient measures for the relief of the distress in Ireland, and calling upon them to act in that direction.

The Marquis of Hartington hoped the government would at the earliest moment state definitely what steps had been taken to relieve the distress in Ireland, and pointed out the harm government had prolonged the opportunity for obstruction by unnecessarily continuing the existence of Parliament.

Sir Stafford Northcote, Chancellor of the exchequer, regretted that the Marquis of Hartington had not given any explanation touching the attitude of the Liberals in regard to the home rule question, and said that there was nothing in the state of the country rendering a dissolution necessary.

From Richmond.
[Special Dispatch to the Alexandria Gazette.]

RICHMOND, Virginia, February 6, 1880.—Mr. Parrell is to address the citizens to-morrow night in the hall of the House of Delegates.

In the Senate yesterday a bill was reported, that will probably pass, appropriating \$30,000 to the University of Virginia on condition that there shall be elected four Virginia students, one from each senatorial district, to be designated by the senators from the respective districts, and to be matriculated under the usual rules and regulations. The students will be appointed for three years, and will be required to furnish their own clothing.

The consideration of the capitation tax which is now before the Senate yesterday, after a brief discussion in the Senate yesterday, a bill to prevent the violation of Sunday and public day laws, which provides that if any person of the age of fourteen years or upwards shall be found on the first day of the week (commonly called Sunday) spending, rioting, gambling, hunting, fishing or shooting, or at common labor (work of necessity and charity not excepted) he or she shall be fined in a sum not exceeding twenty dollars, or be confined in the county jail, or both, at the discretion of the court; provided, however, that nothing herein contained in violation to common labor on said first day of the week commonly called Sunday, shall be construed to extend to those who conscientiously observe the seventh day of the week as the Sabbath, nor to prevent families immigrating from travelling, watermen from landing their passengers, superintendents or keepers of toll bridges or toll-gates from attending to and superintending the same, or ferrymen from conveying travellers over the waters or persons moving their families on such days.

In the House of Delegates yesterday, bills were introduced by Mr. Burdridge, providing for the reorganization of the city of Winchester; by Mr. Nicol, to amend the charter of the town of Dumfries, in the county of Princes William; by Mr. Menefee, to incorporate Woodville Lodge, No. 260, Independent Order Good Templars of the town of Woodville.

The following bills were passed: To amend section 4, chapter 115, Code of 1873, relating to mechanics' liens; to exempt the counties of Westmoreland and Northumberland from the provisions of the 25th section of chapter 214 of the Code, in relation to planting and budding of oysters; and to authorize the judge of the Eleventh circuit to hold special terms of the courts in his circuit.

An adjourned meeting of the county treasury was held yesterday when a bill was agreed upon and placed in the hands of Senators Hart and Kiddieberger for presentation. It is probable that a committee of one or more of the treasurers will remain in the city to look after their interests.

Mr. Fowler, of Rockbridge, says that if it is the power of the Legislature, Mr. Fannertory, the Secretary of State, will be made Adjutant-General, the office now acceptably filled by Gen. McDonald.

FOREIGN NEWS.
The public worship question is again agitating Prussia.
The German army is to be still further increased.
More Austrian ministerial changes are announced.
The Spanish Deputies are still wrangling over Cuban reforms.

The Paris Society Generale offers to loan Spain 60,000,000 piasters at 6 per cent.
It is rumored that Cardinal Nina, the Papal Secretary of State, is to be superseded.

The Berliner Zeitung (Radical) has been convicted for publishing a sharp attack upon the government.
The Queen's reception by the crowds in the streets of London yesterday was very enthusiastic. Seats to view the royal procession fetched heavy prices. There was the usual search for Guy Fawkes in the cellar of the House of Commons before the opening of Parliament.

THE GREAT EXPRESS COMPANIES.—The three great express companies are the United States Adams and the American. They employ all together an army of men and a host of horses. For their men and their horses these three great companies use exclusively Giles' Liniment. Sold by all druggists. Send for pamphlet to Dr. Giles, 120 West Broadway, N. Y. Trial size 25c.

DIED.
On February 5, H. N. PRAIRIE, P. S. PRICE, the beloved wife of W. B. PRICE, the funeral will take place from her husband's residence, 27 King street, Saturday afternoon, Feb. 7, at 3 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend.—(Balt. Sun, Memphis and San Francisco papers please copy.)

Letter from Richmond.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, February 5, 1880.—R. L. G. Paige, colored member of the House from Norfolk county, and W. C. Roane, a colored lawyer here, have expressed their determination to institute a suit against the Richmond Theatre for refusing them admittance to the theatre last night, on the occasion of Cromwell's art exhibition. Paige says he applied at the ticket office for admittance, and was informed that the colored gallery was closed. They still insisted upon being admitted to the building and were again refused. It is not likely that the suit will ever amount to anything.

As far as Cromwell's first exhibition is concerned, invitations were sent by Cromwell himself to the citizens who were present.

The Senate was to do so much occupied with other matters that it did not reach the Baltimore and Cincinnati Railroad bill.

It is rumored that Mr. John E. Poinceter and Miss Cottrell are to be married before being removed from the city jail. The rumor has been current since yesterday morning, but up to the time of the closing of this letter no traces have been taken out of the jail.

Now, after all the talk and the appropriation of money, the oyster war has ended, so far as the State is concerned; and yet, so stirred up were the people around here, that the oysters, which had a call been made when the oysters were perpetrated all the military companies here would have been eager for the fight.

Great preparations are being made for the reception of Parrell to-morrow. The use of the hall of the House has been granted Parrell in which to deliver his speech.

It is understood that Parson Massie never goes near Gen. Mahone's headquarters. The gulf between the two is widening. Mahone has been the main instigator of the attacks on Massie.

It is understood that Dr. Moffett will speak a great deal upon the public debt question. It is not known who the doctor will speak against, the Conservatives, or the readjusters, or the question last winter. But this new party (called) came here this winter loaded with a certain amount of gab which they have to get rid of.

It is probable that the constitutional amendments will be gotten through with in the Senate to-morrow, and the Baltimore and Cincinnati Railroad bill will come up.

Mr. Francis L. Smith, of Alexandria, made a fine speech yesterday in opposition to Fulkerson's constitutional amendment.

Some of the readjusters are talking of trying to pass a resolution expelling the members who were caught in the engine room under the hall of the House trying to hear the debates going on. They are very jubilant over having caught the reporters, but the fact is the engine room was only one of the means they had of getting through their resolutions.

CABINET IN THE ACT.—Ever since the readjusters came has been really reported in the Dispatch. It has been a great question how the information has been obtained. So accurate the main have been some of the best members have rested on their oars. The members of the Cabinet, through the agency of the Dispatch, at the time of the House of Representatives, it was discovered that the members of the Dispatch newspaper were once in the engine room under the hall of the House of Delegates, engaged in taking notes of the debates.

Family Ruined to Death.
NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—A Columbia, S. C., dispatch says a colored family of nine persons, of the name of Lock, living about 11 miles above Columbia, were burned to death on Tuesday night last by their cabin taking fire.

Disaster.
CLONESTON, Me., Feb. 6.—The British schooner Riverbank, of St. John's, P. E. I., struck on Arroy Rock, off Salsburgh, last night. The crew had barely time to save their lives. The schooner was loaded with condemned goods, and was bound for Perth Amboy, N. J.

Should Congress pass the bill favorably reported upon by the Committee on Banking and Currency of the House, allowing national banks to loan money on real estate security, it will stimulate business in the South amazingly.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.
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